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SUBJECT: TELEMIT PRODUCTION OF RADIO AN/PRC-77

REF: (A) EMBASSY MAAG MSG 1958; (B) BONN 00050; (C)
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1. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT IN REF A THE FRG MINISTRY OF FINANCE STATED IN A LETTER TO THE EMBASSY MAAG SECTION THAT THE TELEMIT MATTER WAS A CIVIL LAW PROBLEM AND THAT TELEMIT INSISTED ITS RADIOS, BECAUSE OF TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS, ARE NOT IDENTICAL WITH THE AN/PRC-77. THE COMPANY ALSO STATED THE BRISTOL ELECTRONICS FIRM HAS MADE TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RADIOS IT PRODUCES, AND THE TELEMIT-BRISTOL PRODUCT IS SOLD ON THE US MARKET UNDER A PATENT HELD BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS APPARENTLY AN EMPLOYEE OF BRISTOL COMPANY.

2. WHILE WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE TELEMIT CLAIMS, WE HOPE THAT DOD/STATE WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND INFORM US OF THE FINDINGS PRIOR TO TAKING ANY STEPS TOWARD STOPPING TECHNOLOGICAL (TPD) TRANSFERS TO THE FRG. THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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CLUDED THE MATTER IS A CIVIL LAW PROBLEM CONCERNING THE

INFRINGEMENT OF A US PATENT AND DOES NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. UNDER THIS CIRCUMSTANCE, BLOCKING THE TRANSFER OF IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGY TO THE FRG WOULD HAVE IMPORTANT POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS HERE AND WOULD WANT THE CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE DOD/STATE DECISION BEFORE IT IS PUT INTO EFFECT.
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